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October 27, 2006

Subject: GRISWOLD, FERRELL (REV)

FOIPA No. 1017589- 001

Dear Mr. Lazar:

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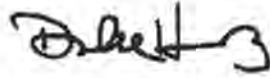
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☐ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
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On September 2, 1963, [] advised that the United Klans of America, Incorporated, above mentioned, sponsored a rally open to the public at the National Guard Armory, Graymont Avenue, Birmingham, on the night of September 2, 1963, from 7:30 P.M., to 10:30 P.M. [] advised that approximately 900 persons attended this rally. [] stated that Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Incorporated; Rev. George Fisher; and Rev. Ferrell Griswold, both Baptist ministers and strong segregationists, alleged that the current civil rights movement, including equal rights for Negroes, was Communist inspired, and urged all white citizens to unite in effort to petition the State and local authorities to close the public schools, rather than integrate them.

[] further advised that the speakers at the above mentioned UKA rally did not advocate violence in their remarks.

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Bufile 157-4-4
BH File 100-4753NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY
RM
Bufile 105-66233
BH File 105-477

Re Bureau airtel 9/10/63 and Birmingham airtel 9/4/63.

In accordance with instructions set out in reButel, eight copies of amended page 9 to the letterhead memorandum enclosed with re Birmingham airtel are herewith submitted to the Bureau.

Interested offices have been furnished the amended page with appropriate advice.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 29, 1964

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-387)

SUBJECT: CONSERVATIVE TRACT LEAGUE
P.O. BOX 8631
ENSLEY, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
RM

RACIAL MATTERS

The Commander of the Sixth Naval District, Intelligence Office, at Charleston, South Carolina, has advised this office that a Navy enlisted man at Norfolk, Virginia, has received copies of captioned organization's pamphlets which are as follows:

- Harold*
- ✓ (1) "Communism Killed KENNEDY," by Reverend FERRELL GRISWOLD
 - ✓ (2) "State's Rights - A safeguard against Communism," by Reverend FERRELL GRISWOLD
 - ✓ (3) "The Communist Threat," by Reverend FERRELL GRISWOLD
 - ✓ (4) "There Goes your Freedom in the Name of Civil Rights," by Reverend FERRELL GRISWOLD,
Miner Heights, First Baptist Church,
Birmingham, Alabama

It is noted that FERRELL GRISWOLD is an ardent segregationist who has spoken to various groups supporting segregation in the Birmingham area.

The above-mentioned pamphlets contain well known arguments opposed to civil rights matters and communism. They contain quotes from KARL PRUSSION and DAN SMOOT of Dallas, Texas.

U.A.C.B., these pamphlets will not be forwarded to Bureau but will be retained in files of Birmingham Office.

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TITLE OF CASE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY ela
		CHARACTER OF CASE RACIAL MATTERS	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted]
dated 7/23/63, at Birmingham.

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ATLANTA DIVISION

At Atlanta, Georgia:

Will continue to follow and report activities
of captioned organization.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: Birmingham
Date: 11/5/63

Field Office File #: BH 105-722

Bureau File #: 157-370

Title: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis: United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held several public rallies during August and September, 1963. Rally held at Collinsville, Ala, on 8/17/63, with approximately 50 people in attendance. Confidential informant states purpose of meeting was to obtain new members and meeting was complete failure. On 8/24/63, rally held at Decatur, Alabama, with about 500 individuals in attendance. ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard captioned group, criticized KENNEDY administration and praised Governor GEORGE WALLACE of Alabama. On 9/2/63, rally held at Graymont Armory in Birmingham. About 900 people in attendance. Speeches were made by Baptist ministers FARRELL GRISWOLD and GEORGE FISHER, ardent segregationists, and also ROBERT SHELTON. Speeches attacked civil rights program of Kennedy Administration and urged that Birmingham schools be closed rather than be desegregated. ALVIN D. SISK, Official of captioned group, killed in plane crash in August, 1963, in South Carolina. SISK, the pilot, was accompanied by ROBERT SHELTON and FREDERICK G. SMITH of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, both officials of captioned group. SHELTON and SMITH not seriously injured. East-view #13 Klavern official stated on 9/5/63 that 962 carbines have been distributed recently among Negroes in Western Section of Birmingham. No further information obtained regarding this matter. Information set forth concerning regular weekly Klavern meetings.

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PLANE CRASH INVOLVING
ROBERT M. SHELTON AND OTHERS

The Greenville Piedmont, a newspaper published at Greenville, South Carolina, printed an article on August 27, 1963, entitled "Pilot Dies in Oconee Crash of Small Plane". This was an Associated Press story dated Walhalla, South Carolina, which said in part, "The head of the Ku Klux Klan in several states was injured, the pilot killed and a companion hurt near here Monday in the crash of a private plane. They were en route to Washington where a civil rights march is set for Wednesday, but declined to say why they were going there. The plane's pilot, 350 pound Alvin D. Sisk, died at 3:15 A.M. today of injuries he received in the crash 19 miles north of here. Sisk, Imperial Grand Wizard and Grand Dragon Robert M. Shelton and Frederick G. Smith were taken to Oconee County Memorial Hospital near Seneca. Shelton was not seriously hurt and Smith escaped with cuts and bruises.... Bob Scoggins, a Spartanburg plumber and Grand Dragon of the South Carolina Klan, visited the men at the Oconee Hospital and said he was the man they had planned to pick up."

It is noted that Robert M. Shelton is Imperial Wizard of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, rather than Grand Dragon.

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On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] was elected [redacted] of captioned organization on [redacted] and [redacted] elected [redacted]

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RALLY AT GRAYMONT ARMORY, BIRMINGHAM,
SEPTEMBER 2, 1963

On September 2, 1963, [redacted] advised that on this date, captioned organization held a public rally at the Graymont Armory, Birmingham, Alabama. The meeting, which was attended by approximately 900 people, began at 7:30 P.M., CST., and lasted until 10:30 P.M., CST.

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✓ ~~NRA~~ At this rally, speeches were made by ~~GEORGE FISHER~~ ^{NRA} and ~~FARRELL GRISWOLD~~, both Baptist clergymen and ardent segregationists, and also by ROBERT M. SHELTON, mentioned above. The main theme of all the speakers concerned general dissatisfaction with the handling of civil rights situation by the present national administration. ✓ The speakers also alleged that the entire civil rights movement with respect to equal rights for the Negroes, as well as school integration, is Communist inspired, and alleged that the leaders of the various Negro groups active in the integration movement are Communists. All the speakers urged the audience to resist the desegregation of the Birmingham schools by non-violent action and suggested that the local and state officials be petitioned to close the Birmingham public schools rather than desegregate. A - A

No violence was advocated by the speakers, nor did any violence result from the rally.

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It is noted that no further information has been obtained regarding this matter. A -



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1400 - 2121 Building

Birmingham, Alabama 35203

November 5, 1963

Title: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Reference: Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated 11/5/63, at
Birmingham, Alabama

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TO DIRECTOR (157-370) MOBILE (157-190) ATLANTA (157-193)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (105-722) 4P

2 ~~UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE~~
~~UKA, INC., KKKK. RM.~~ *Ku Klux Klan*

2 NATIONAL KLANVOCATION ENDED AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY NINE AT

2 APPROXIMATELY FOUR PM, CST. ACCORDING TO

2 [REDACTED] FORMAL BANQUET HELD EVENING OF FEBRUARY EIGHT AT DINKLER-

TUTWILER HOTEL, BIRMINGHAM. THIS HELD UNDER NAME OF ALABAMA RESCUE

SERVICE. THIS IS NAME UNDER WHICH ROBERT SHELTON, IMPERIAL WIZARD,

OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
UKA, INC., KKKK, MAINTAINS OFFICE IN TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA. PRINCIPAL

REVEREND
SPEAKERS AT BANQUET WERE REV. FERREL GRISWOLD, BAPTIST MINISTER

6 ACTIVE IN UNITED AMERICANS FOR CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT AND ARDENT

SEGREGATIONIST. OTHER SPEAKERS WERE MATT MURPHY, LOCAL BIRMINGHAM

ATTORNEY WHO REPRESENTS NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY, AND ROBERT

SHELTON, IMPERIAL WIZARD.

GENERAL TENOR OF SPEECHES WERE CRITICAL OF FEDERAL INTRUSION
INTO STATES RIGHTS, FIELD OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND INTEGRATION. NO OPEN
ADVOCATION OF VIOLENCE BY ANY SPEAKER. MENTION WAS MADE OF

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REPORTING OFFICE BIRMINGHAM	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BIRMINGHAM	DATE 2/19/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/29/63 - 2/15/64
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Title changed to add "Alabama Rescue Service", which name was used for this group at recent National Klonoconvocation in Birmingham.

REFERENCE: Report of SA 11/5/63, Birmingham.

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ATLANTAAt Atlanta, Georgia

Will continue to follow and report activities of captioned organization.

CHARLOTTEAt Charlotte, North Carolina

Will continue to follow and report activities of captioned organization.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 2/19/64

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Title: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHT OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA), held Klonvocation at Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham, Ala., 2/8-9/64. Informant reports six states represented at Klonvocation; namely, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Louisiana. Informants stated over 200 persons present with 192 voting delegates at first session. Of this number 134 were elected delegates and remainder were state officers, Kleagles, Titans or province officers. On evening of 2/8/64, a banquet was held in the Dinkler Tutwiler Hotel with over 300 present. Speakers were Rev. FERREL GRISWOLD, who spoke on general subject of Communism and Segregation. GRISWOLD claimed Negro Civil Rights Movement is completely dominated by Communists. ✓MATTHEW MURPHY, a Birmingham attorney, alleged that many segregationists were being denied their rights under the Constitution. He mentioned case of former Gen. EDWIN A. WALKER. The last speaker was Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON, who made a typical segregationist speech, according to informants. SHELTON explained the UKA has set up a corporation known as HERITAGE ENTERPRISES, INC., and that the HERITAGE INSURANCE AGENCY of Bessemer, Ala., is a part of this corporation. SHELTON said UKA owns 51% of HERITAGE INSURANCE AGENCY and that 51% of the profits of this agency goes to UKA. In connection with this corporation, UKA plans to build

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a Klan colony on 40 acres of land near Lake Purdy in Jefferson County, Ala., and informant has advised plans have been made to build 80 homes on this land and the minimum cost of each house will be \$14,000. Information set forth concerning regular weekly klavern meetings.

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2. A resolution declaring that a Klan robe is the member's property and if the member resigns from the Klan, he may keep the robe or else his unit may purchase it from him.

3. A resolution empowering the Imperial Wizard to employ legal counsel for the purpose of making a change in the name on the charter of the organization. The name to be changed from Invisible Empire, United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., to United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

4. A resolution empowering the Grand Dragon of each state to confer honorary memberships in the organization, these memberships to be strictly confidential and the honorary members to have no Klan privileges.

5. A resolution to furnish each Klansman a decal to be affixed to the rear window of his automobile. This decal to show a circle within a circle and be approximately four by four inches in size.

6. A resolution authorizing the establishment of a ladies auxiliary.

7. A resolution requiring monthly province meetings.

8. A resolution setting up a nominating committee to consist of one man from each state. This nominating committee to be continually alert for qualified people to nominate for office.

9. A resolution declaring that as of February 8, 1964, United Klans is in no way connected with any other organization or Klan group, past or present.

The first session closed at about 6:00 P.M. with a prayer by W. R. McCUBBIN from North Carolina. ALA

On Saturday evening, February 8, 1964, a banquet was held in the Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel with over three hundred persons present. Speakers were Rev. FERREL GRISWOLD, who spoke on general subject of Communism and segregation. He ALA

claimed the Negro Civil Rights Movement is completely dominated by Communists. The next speaker was MATTHEW MURPHY, a Birmingham attorney, who spoke on the subject of constitutional law. He alleged that many segregationists were being denied their rights under the constitution. He cited the case of former General EDWIN A. WALKER. He said General WALKER was held and subjected to psychiatric tests solely on the basis of newspaper articles. The last speaker was Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON, who made a typical segregationist speech.

The last session of the Klonvocation convened at about 9:30 A.M., February 9, 1964. The first order of business was the election of certain Imperial officers. FRED SMITH was re-elected to the position of Imperial Klabe; BOB THOMPSON was re-elected as Imperial Klaliff; W. O. PERKINS was elected Imperial Kligrapp. (PERKINS was appointed to this position following the death of former Imperial Kligrapp ALVIN SISK.) A. E. PEDIGO of Tennessee was re-elected Imperial Night Hawk. The Imperial Wizard was given authority to appoint an Imperial Klonsel, depending upon the type of legal services needed at the time. NR 4
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A new constitution was presented to the Klonvocation; however, it was rejected and United Klans will continue under its old constitution. A Constitution Committee was set up composed of the Imperial officers, the Grand Dragons and the State Officers. This committee will meet several times during the coming year to draw up a new constitution.

Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON explained to the Klonvocation that United Klans has set up a corporation known as HERITAGE ENTERPRISES, INC. Established as part of HERITAGE ENTERPRISES, INC., is the HERITAGE INSURANCE AGENCY of Bessemer Alabama. United Klans owns 51% of the HERITAGE INSURANCE AGENCY and certain Alabama financial backers own the remaining 49%. ROBERT SHELTON is Chairman of the Board and the Grand Dragon of each state is a member of the Board of Directors. Of the profits realized from HERITAGE INSURANCE AGENCY, 51% goes to United Klans. This 51% is divided as follows: Miss
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The Klavern which sells the insurance gets 26%, the state office in which that Klavern is located gets 15%, and

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On September 5, 1963, Special Agents [redacted] secured a copy of the official program of the first annual banquet of the UAFCG, which was held at the Redmont Motel, Birmingham.

This program listed the following as officers:

National Officers

WILLIAM A. MORGAN	President
HUBERT A. PAGE	Vice-President
BUDDY TINGLE	Vice-President
ROBERT C. GAFFORD	Financial Chairman, Secretary

Charter Officers

WILLIAM A. MORGAN	Chairman
HUBERT PAGE and ROBERT C. GAFFORD	Co-Chairmen
Mrs. MARY LOU HOLT	Executive Secretary
Rev. FERRELL GRISWOLD	Chaplain
LUCILE LUNA	Publicity

Public Relations Committee

H. A. (ART) HANES
✓ Rev. FERRELL GRISWOLD

Directors

✓ Rev. FERRELL GRISWOLD
LOWELL ROGERS

JOE INGRAM
BOB HOLMAN

MRS. ETHEL ROGERS

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RALLIES AND STATEMENTS OF SPEAKERS
AND/OR OFFICERS OF THE UAFCG:

[] on May 31, 1963, advised that on that date the UAFCG held a public meeting at the National Guard Armory in Birmingham. Approximately 785 people were in attendance and listened to former Birmingham Mayor ARTHUR HANES speak in favor of segregation and the segregated way of life. Also appearing as speakers were Rev. FERRELL GRISWOLD, a Baptist minister, who opened the meeting with a short sermon; and R. C. GAFFORD, who was master of ceremonies. *ARTHUR HANES*

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[] on June 7, 1963, made available a handbill announcing that a rally sponsored by the UAFCG, of which W. A. MORGAN was chairman, would be held on that date at the North Birmingham Masonic Lodge. The handbill announced that the Rev. FERRELL GRISWOLD, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Minor Heights, Birmingham, would be the featured speaker, and would tell the "ugly truth of the brutal treatment of white citizens by Federal Marshals during the occupation of Oxford, Mississippi."

[] on June 8, 1963, advised that approximately 137 people attended the UAFCG meeting held at the North Birmingham Masonic Lodge, June 7, 1963. He reported that Rev. GRISWOLD was the principal speaker, and devoted most of his speech to the mistreatment of citizens at Oxford, Mississippi, by United States Marshals. This source advised that there were several members of the UKA present in the audience at this meeting.

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[] advised that approximately 900 to 1,000 people attended a meeting of the UAFCG at Cascade Plunge, Birmingham, June 14, 1963. Former Birmingham Mayor ARTHUR HANES was the principal speaker. He urged the boycott of the Birmingham stores which had indicated an intention of employing Negroes in sales positions. This source advised that approximately fifteen members of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), were present at this rally.

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61-7558 1060

February 9, 1965

Reverend Ferrell Griswold
Post Office Box 8631, Ensley Station
Birmingham, Alabama 35218

Dear Mr. Griswold:

Your letter of February 2nd has been received.

With respect to your request, I regret that the great demand for our material and our budgetary limitations will not allow us to furnish you the publication you mentioned in volume. There is no charge for our literature and I am enclosing one copy of my article entitled, "Communism and the College Student." I hope you will understand my inability to send you additional copies.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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Attention SAC: For information concerning Reverend Griswold you are referred to your files 157-352 and 157-387. Your attention is called to the interview of Reverend Griswold by Agents of your office on 9-25-63.

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See Note next page.

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Reverend Ferrell Griswold

NOTE: A check of Bufiles shows that Reverend Griswold was interviewed by Agents of the Birmingham Office on 9-26-63. During that interview, he advised he was a member of the local John Birch Society and attends meetings of that group regularly. He denied membership in the National States Rights Party (NSRP) and indicated he was concerned about newspaper articles which indicated he was a member of this group. Reverend Griswold stated he is a segregationist and is frequently invited to speak on the subject of constitutional rights and communism at local meetings of the Klan and other conservative organizations. In view of the above derogatory information, it is not felt we should send additional copies of "Communism and the College Student" to Reverend Griswold. (157-1025-353 page 435.)

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Minor Heights
First Baptist Church
P. O. Box 8631 - Ensley Sta.
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
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Feb. 2, 65

Rev. Ferrell Griswold
P.O. Box 8631, Ensley
Birmingham, Alabama

U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please send to me at the address above 500 copies of COMMUNISM AND THE COLLEGE STUDENT. This material is to be used in my church among the young people and in study groups on Americanism.

Please bill me personally for the cost of the material.

Sincerely,

Ferrell Griswold
Rev. Ferrell Griswold

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-563)

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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Enclosed with this airtel are eight copies
of a letterhead memorandum regarding above-captioned
matter.

[redacted] Informant referred to in memorandum is

[redacted] who requested that his identity be concealed.

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DATE FORW: 1-11-65
HOW FORW: [signature]
BY: [signature]

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E.C. Wick

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Approved: [signature]

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64 JAN 13 1965 Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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1400 - 2121 Building

Birmingham, Alabama, 35203

January 6, 1965

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RE: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On December 10, 1964, Birmingham Confidential Informant [] advised [] is a member of The John Birch Society in Birmingham, Alabama. [] said some of the members are as follows:

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FERREL CRISWOLD, a Baptist Minister,
Minor Heights, near Birmingham

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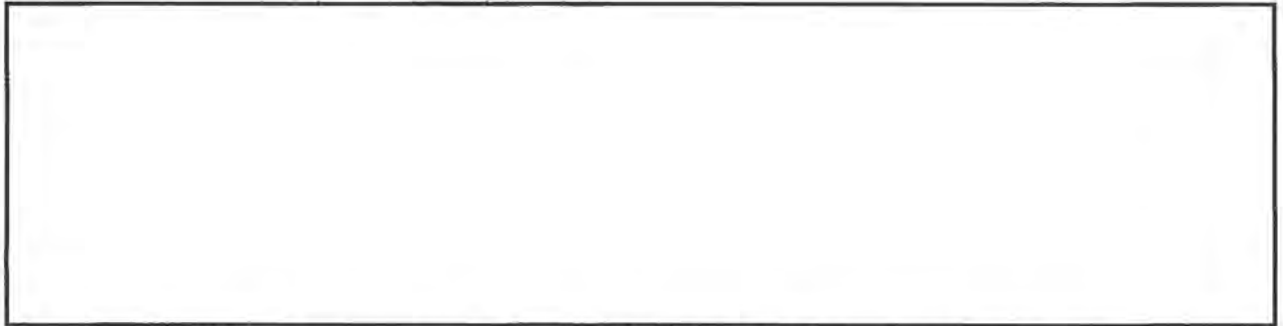
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**1400 - 2121 Building
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January 6, 1965

Title: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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**Reference: Letterhead memorandum dated
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Dec 13, 1965

Mr J Edgar Hoover
Director FBI

Dear Sir,

I am sending a clipping, similar to what I read in the papers almost continuously. Almost every time the John Birch society is mentioned it is called or referred to as an "Extremist" organization.

I am interested in good government and I believe in law and order and would not knowingly support anything else. But in all my life and among all my friends I have never met a "John Bircher"

I did attend a meeting at which Rev. Ferrell Griswold spoke he claimed to be a John Bircher and was on a crusade against communism. His lecture was not of the extreme type at all. To the contrary I feel that more people should have heard him.

Now I realize you are very busy and maybe this is out of your line - can you please refer this letter to someone else to answer if that is necessary but I would like to know is the "John Birch" society radical - or extreme - are they - subversive -

I am asking this as far as your department is concerned - not because Drew Pearson says so - because frankly I think he stinks I much prefer "David Laurence"

Another request can you send me a list of the organizations considered by your department as being ~~subversive~~ subversive.

Very sincerely yours

P. S.

Any help you can be will be greatly appreciated.

JWB

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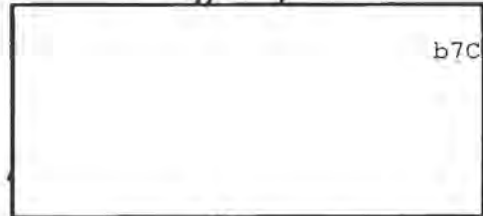
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